HOUSING ACTION CAMPAIGN

PROTEST

RENT CONTROLS NOW!

5pm
Thursday 25 February
Irish Property
Owner's Association
11 Lower Ormond Quay

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Time to challenge greedy landlords

Landlords and speculators are making huge profits from the housing crisis in Ireland.

In the past year rents have risen by 25%. Some landlords are charging up to £80 a week for grotty bedsits.

Landlords can get away with charging outrageous prices for poor accommodation because of the shortage of houses and lack of regulation.

Corrupt politicians live in luxury while the government has done nothing to protect working class people from greedy landlords.

In fact, in 1982 rent control was abolished after one landlord took a case to court to challenge its legality. Since then landlords have been free to charge whatever they please.

The *Housing Action Campaign* has begun to mobilise in challenging this situation.

We are demanding:

Rent controls
Security of tenure
Affordable accommodation for all
A public housing building programme

The need for mass action

The Local Authority is supposed to enforce minimum legal standards for all accommodation. Anyone who has tried to complain however will know that it can take more than a year to get anything done. In the meantime if you don't have a lease the landlord can evict you or increase your rent to force you out.

The government refuses to admit that there is a housing crisis. It is happy to sit back and allow the 'free market' to dictate that thousands pay outrageous rents without the regulations we now demand.

In the 1960s the 'Housing Action Commitee' organised marches and demonstrations of thousands of people and successfully forced the governments to act on their demands.It is mass action of this nature that is needed to make the current establishment meets our demands.

On Tuesday last (16th) a frank and lively public meeting took place in Rathmines, attendees got the opportunity to voice feelings on their situations and spoke on the need to resolve the crisis. A decision for the upcoming protest was the result.A similar public meeting to be held on the Northside of Dublin is being organised following this success.

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